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RSPA RESULTS...

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PRESIDENT SIGNS PIPELINE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2002

On December 17, President Bush signed the "Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002" into law.

"I am pleased that this new law will reinforce and strengthen the increased safety initiatives and programs that we have been working hard to develop," said Administrator Engleman.

The Act supports RSPA's development of integrity management regulations and increases the civil penalties limit from \$25K to \$100K per safety violation and the per incident penalty from \$500K to \$1 million dollars. The Act also significantly strengthens RSPA's leadership role in a more substantial R&D program for pipeline integrity, safety and reliability.

In addition, the law broadens RSPA's partnerships with states to improve oversight of interstate pipelines, reinforces the importance of sound operator qualification programs, supports expanded emphasis on

one-call programs and protecting the environment. It also enhances efforts to help communities live safely with pipelines authorizing \$1M for state grants and appropriates \$500K to non-profit organizations for fiscal years 2003-2006.



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OPEN DOOR POLICY!

The Administrator and Deputy have open office hours each week that they are in the Washington, DC headquarters. The Administrator's door is open from 4-5 PM on Wednesday and the Deputy's door is open from 9-10 AM on Tuesday. Call 6-4433 to schedule time or simply stop by Suite 8410.

TEAM RSPA WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

RSPA Administrator Ellen Engleman looks on as **Sam Bonasso** is officially sworn-in as

RSPA's Deputy Administrator. Mr. Bonasso, a former secretary of transportation for the State of West Virginia, will work with Administrator Engleman to continue improving RSPA's performance and results.

"I believe that RSPA has great potential to evolve its safety, research and education role in DOT," said Bonasso. "I am thankful for the privilege to serve."



The Administrator's Office

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR...

The beginning of this new year brings the opportunity to reflect on those things

for which we are grateful. At RSPA, that includes important 2002 year-end results.



Administrator Ellen G. Engleman

First, I want to welcome RSPA's Deputy, Sam Bonasso, who brings a wealth of leadership skills, an engineering background and knowledge of transportation issues that make him a perfect fit for the RSPA family.

Second, the

Secretary's enhanced ONE DOT Crisis Management Center is up and running. This high-priority project has improved DOT's capability to identify, monitor and respond to crisis events that impact our national multi-modal transportation systems.

Last, I want to highlight the importance of the "Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002" that was recently signed into law by President Bush.

The new legislation gives us the vital tools we need to enhance pipeline safety for the American people and supports President Bush's energy policy.

2002 was an exciting year for the RSPA team, and I wish to thank you for your hard work and commitment in getting the positive **RESULTS** we are reaping today.

I know 2003 will be a **RESULTS**-oriented year for RSPA.

RSPA LEADS DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS WITH NATO

Administrator Engleman addressed RSPA's safety and emergency preparedness programs before NATO's Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committees at the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Accompanying her were **Janet Benini**, Deputy Director of OET, who served as the U.S. Representative to the NATO Civil Emergency Planning Directorate, and **Lloyd Milburn**, RSPA's NATO Expert.

The Administrator also called on **R. Nicholas Burns**, U.S. Ambassador to NATO, and **Lt. Gen. T.A. Kinnan**, USAF, U.S. Military Representative, to convey DOT's strong support of the Civil Emergency Preparedness programs. During a NATO engagement, RSPA leads DOT's support of such programs as the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (see adjacent story). The roles of the Civil Emergency Planning Committees have expanded to support defense readiness in NATO and to provide assistance to the member nations for the Weapons of Mass Destruction threat environment.



Janet Benini, Administrator Engleman and Lloyd Milburn at NATO.

The **Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Program** is a voluntary partnership among the DOT, DOD and the U.S. civil air carrier industry. It augments DOD aircraft capability during a national defense-related crisis.

Air carriers volunteer their aircraft to the CRAF Program through contractual agreements with the Air Mobility Command, located at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In return, the participating carriers are given preference in carrying commercial peacetime cargo and passenger traffic for DOD.



RSPA in ACTION

RSPA RECOGNIZED AT SECRETARY'S 35TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Secretary of Transportation Mineta hosted the Department's 35th Annual Awards Ceremony on November 14. RSPA Administrator Ellen Engleman joined him in offering congratulations to all of the RSPA awardees this year.

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE

Olympics One-DOT Team

Brent Brown	DPS
James Taylor	DPS
Christopher Hoidal	DPS
Gerald Davis	DPS
Janet Benini	OET
Gale Hines	OET
William Medigovich	OET



Administrator Ellen Engleman, Warren Osterberg and Secretary Mineta.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Warren Osterberg	DMA
George Whitney	DPP

Port Security Grants Team

Michael Dyer	Volpe
Robert Hoaglund	Volpe

EXCELLENCE

Claude Williams	Volpe
Delphine Pringle	DHM

Statistical Quality Working Group

Aviva Brecher	Volpe
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EEO/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Charles Hochman	DHM
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The Passenger Screening Training

Curriculum Development Team

Richard Brancato	DRP
Frank Tupper	TSI
Linda Gulley	TSI
Christine Lawrence	TSI
Paula Dian Taylor	TSI
Marletha Bludworth	TSI
Richard Cacini	TSI
Donald McCoy	TSI
O.G. McClinton	TSI
Hubert Driskill	TSI
Robert Wright	DHM
Jan Axson	DHM
Cheryl Johnson	DHM
Justyne Johnson	Volpe

Sharon Jenkins	Volpe
Glenda Holiday	TSI
Sandra Schimmel	TSI
Lola Ward	DMA
Thomas Scott	DMA
Tyrone Lumpkins	DPP

TEAM AWARD

Pipeline Safety Program's Clean-up the Record Team

Richard Huriaux	DPS
Jeffrey Wiese	DPS
Cheryl Whetsel	DPS
Jean Milam	DPS
Mary Jo Cooney	DPS
John Hess	DPS
Bernardyne Williams	DPS
Elizabeth Callsen	DPS
Christina Sames	DPS



Administrator Ellen Engleman, Del Pringle and Secretary Mineta.

RSPA ADMINISTRATOR ENGLEMAN ATTENDS TAPS RENEWAL CEREMONY

RSPA Administrator Engleman and Associate Administrator Stacey Gerard were both on hand to represent the DOT at the January 8 signing of the renewal of the federal Agreement and Right-of-Way (ROW) for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). Secretary of Interior Gale Norton signed the ROW at a Department of the Interior ceremony.

TAPS is a major component of the President's National Energy Plan, transporting 17 percent of the nation's domestic oil production. The 30-year renewal will ensure energy and economic security for the Nation. TAPS had to be in compliance with existing federal pipeline safety regulations as one of the conditions for renewal.



RSPA Administrator Engleman speaks with Secretary of the Interior Norton.

Pipeline Safety

RSPA ISSUES PIPELINE SAFETY CHALLENGE

On October 28, RSPA Administrator Engleman issued a challenge to achieve **zero** deaths and **zero** injuries from pipeline incidents to the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), pipeline operators, and industry stakeholders in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Administrator Engleman also challenged NASFM to form a nationwide network for pipeline safety. RSPA will provide resources to NASFM to develop a pipeline safety-training curriculum for the fire service that will support this national network for pipeline safety. This partnership will:

- Assure that firefighters are safe as they respond to pipeline incidents;
- Encourage NASFM members to join the damage prevention community, industry and local officials to protect pipelines;
- Educate the public on how to live safely with pipelines;
- Keep eyes and ears on pipelines and improve security preparedness, and;
- Help with accident reporting and investigation for a better understanding of causes and consequences.



Administrator Engleman and Associate Administrator Gerard meet with "VJ" Bella, Louisiana State Fire Marshall and pipeline industry stakeholders.

• Secretary Mineta

announced \$1.6 million in DOT awards for pipeline damage prevention and leak detection solutions. "The program supports the President's goal of advancing pipeline safety research and consolidating its management in the DOT for greater effectiveness," said Administrator Engleman.

**In the
Pipeline**

OPS/CGA MEETING PRODUCES RESULTS

RSPA's OPS and the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) discussed efforts to close recommendations on the NTSB "Most Wanted" improvements; implement the #DIG 3-digit damage reporting call system; plan a new national educational campaign for #DIG; expand support of regional/local CGAs with RSPA's Community Assistance and Technical Services team; and solicit input on the State Fire Marshals program.

RSPA IMPLEMENTS CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE

RSPA's OPS is implementing a new Congressional mandate by partnering with the Transportation Research Board to examine model land use practices. The study draws on the expertise of local communities and safety stakeholders to protect communities and pipelines from the leading cause of pipeline failure — mechanical damage from excavation. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will work with the OPS on this project.

RSPA ISSUES GAS IMP FINAL RULE

RSPA's sent its Notice of Proposed Rule Making for Gas IMP to the Federal Register on January 7, which replaces years of regulation based on fixed-interval inspections of pipeline systems. The inspection protocols are based on the concept of integrity management.

This is a process that assesses risks and sets priorities for pipeline inspection and repair and accident prevention and mitigation. It focuses on pipelines that could affect High Consequence Areas. This proposal addresses three congressional mandates.



Mike Israni, pictured with Administrator Engleman, led RSPA/OPS efforts on the Gas IMP Rule.

Emergency Transportation

RSPA LEADS BIO-TERRORISM WORKSHOP

In November, RSPA hosted a national workshop on "Transportation Issues in Bioterrorism: Considerations for Evacuation and Quarantine."

Administrator Ellen Engleman delivered the keynote address.

Janet Benini, Deputy Director of OET, led the workshop discussions. Forty experts participated, including representatives from the White House Office of Homeland Security,

Departments of Agriculture, State, and Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, FEMA and DOT's TSA, FHWA and FAA. Non-governmental organizations represented included the National Emergency Managers Association, Association of American Railroads, National Defense Transportation Association,

International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of Counties, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. The workshop focused on developing coordination and communication among these key agencies.



Administrator Engleman delivers the keynote speech at RSPA's Bio-terrorism Workshop.

CMC PROVIDES 24/7 TYPHOON MONITORING

From December 7-10, the CMC responded to its first natural disaster since moving back into its renovated space.

Significant infrastructure damage was reported on the Pacific island of Guam as a result of Typhoon Pongsana. RSPA's recent upgrades of the CMC communications and information technologies ensured improved connectivity during this crisis situation.

DOT's CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS

Today's "ONE DOT" CMC houses enhanced information technologies and communications capabilities to improve its responsiveness to all DOT Operating Administrations during safety incidents, disaster response, cyber-threats and crimes, security incidents and defense mobilization.

The new CMC has dedicated and non-interruptible communications with key Federal, state and local agencies that partner to respond to crisis situations.

"We are dedicated to SAFETY," said Administrator Engleman. "Through these enhanced communications systems we can respond quickly and efficiently to pipeline or hazmat incidents or natural disasters involving all modes of transportation, including rail, transit, and highway."



Initially only a room upper right, the CMC grew into an information center with essential communications (above).



Now with enhanced communications systems, the CMC operates on a 24/7 basis (above right).

Hazardous Materials Safety

RSPA'S OFFICE OF HAZMAT SAFETY MEETS WITH CHINESE DELEGATION

In October, RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) hosted a delegation from the Peoples Republic of China. The delegation was specifically interested in the maritime transport of hazardous materials and the U.S. hazardous materials transportation safety program, including enforcement and international efforts to harmonize with the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Participants from China included government officials, local port authorities and maritime industry representatives. The Department was represented by **Bob McGuire**, Associate Administrator for OHMS; **Bob Richard**, International Standards Coordinator; **Dave Sargent**, OHMS Director of Hazmat



Bob McGuire meets with the Chinese delegation.

Initiatives and Training; **Doug Smith**, OHMS Enforcement Officer; **Donna O'Berry**, RSPA Office of Chief Counsel; and **Emmanuel Pfersich**, Chief of Hazardous Material Marine Safety, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office. The meeting resulted in an excellent exchange of information on the hazardous materials transportation safety programs.

RSPA PARTICIPATES IN PORT SECURITY WAR GAME

On October 2-3, RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety and the Office of Emergency Transportation participated in a Port Security War Game. The Conference Board along with Booz, Allen, Hamilton sponsored the event with the goal to support government and industry's exploration of innovative ways to improve preparedness and response to terrorism. Post-scenario findings included the need for a government-industry task force that could immediately respond to a Weapons of Mass Destruction event, the need for layered strategic-focused security, and the need to examine current "Just-In-Time" business models for potential modification to a "Just Enough" format.

RSPA'S HAZMAT SAFETY EDUCATION HITS THE ROAD



Reggie Dunn meets with emergency personnel in Baltimore, Maryland.

RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) made an impressive showing at the National Propane Gas Association's (NPGA) 2002 convention and trade show in September in Baltimore, Maryland. Over 150 NPGA participants found the RSPA display booth brimming with hazardous materials safety information pamphlets and publications.

Reginald Dunn of DHM-50 discussed hazmat transportation topics with the audience.

In October, RSPA's OHMS took its show on the road to the 2002 TRANSCAER Whistle-Stop Tour promoting HazMat Transportation Safety

at the Norfolk Southern Intermodal Facility. The Tour was sponsored by the Norfolk Southern Corporation and was designed both to increase community understanding of the importance of emergency planning and to provide local emergency response groups an opportunity to receive some hands-on training. Demonstrations and presentations were focused on rail, barge, truck and chemical-specific information.

Innovation, Research and Education

RSPA CONTRIBUTES TO SECURITY OF INTERMODAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) TRANSPORTATION

Representatives from RSPA's Office of Innovation, Research and Education (DIR) attended a workshop of industry, government and academic experts at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. As managers of the DOT-National Aeronautics and Space Administration Joint Program on Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Technologies, they discussed security issues for HAZMAT and container transportation that can potentially be solved remote sensing tools and technologies. The workshop was part of a continuing dialogue to meet emerging requirements and to explore advanced technology applications to transportation security issues.

On November 8, RSPA's DIR also organized the first meeting of the DOT Container of the Future (CoF) team. The team, joined by representatives from the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense, explored requirements for a "Container of the Future" that will meet priority security needs for intermodal and multi-modal transportation. The meeting identified major factors, work scope and potential options for performing an integrated national CoF study that will bring together consensus support from the regulatory and user communities, and all stakeholders including the Federal sector, private sector and international shipping communities.

RSPA Advances Development of a Fatigue Management Reference Handbook

As managers of DOT's Operator Fatigue Management (OFM) Program, RSPA's Office of Innovation, Research and Education held a workshop on October 22-23 in Arlington, Virginia. The workshop of government and commercial transportation industry experts outlined critical guidance for creating tools that respond to the immediate needs of operators who must cope daily with unusual and difficult work schedules, and the practicalities of fatigue management. As part of this project effort, a fatigue management reference handbook will be developed to provide practical information to reduce fatigue among commercial transportation workers. This is the first handbook of its type that outlines best practices designed for application by commercial operators to manage fatigue.

RSPA's DIR SUPPORTS NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

On November 25-26, RSPA supported the e-commerce interdependencies study of the Transportation Infrastructure Assurance Research and Development program by participating in a National Research Council (NRC) panel meeting. RSPA provided funding under contract to the NRC to conduct the e-commerce portion of the initial study on Freight Transportation Information System Security, also known as "Cybersecurity of Freight." This initiative is in response to the President's 1998 Critical Infrastructure Directive and supports DOT's Homeland Security strategic goal by looking for ways to reduce the vulnerability of transportation systems to crime and terrorism.

RSPA's Volpe Center

VOLPE STUDY SUPPORTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Volpe Center is supporting a comprehensive FHWA effort to examine the impacts on and responses to recent catastrophic events. The study includes the Sept 11 attacks on New York and Washington, as well as the 2001 Baltimore tunnel train fire and the 1994 Northridge (CA) earthquake.

Each of these events occurred with no warning and resulted in substantial adverse impacts on transportation. Each revealed important information about the response of the transportation system to major stress and the ability of agencies and their partners to respond effectively to crisis.

The reports emphasize the transportation aspects of the catastrophic events and lessons learned that could be incorporated into future emergency response planning.

VOLPE SUPPORTS IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION IN NATIONAL PARKS

- Improved transportation systems in the National Parks is the focus of an effort by RSPA's Volpe center to develop a new Geographic Information System (GIS) for National Park Service (NPS) road managers. The pilot GIS is to provide the ability for NPS staff to remotely access and analyze park road and bridge inventory and condition data that is maintained by the FHWA for the NPS.
- Volpe is supporting development of alternative transportation systems in National Parks, including zero-emission vehicles to be used by park rangers, maintenance staff and volunteers. **Nancy Garrity, Michael Lau, George Noel, and Clay Reheman** of Volpe's Environmental Measurement and Modeling Division visited Yosemite National Park in California for noise measurements in connection with the alternative vehicle study.

RSPA's VOLPE ON THE MOVE

To Russia: Volpe's **Ross Gill** and **Jack Krumm** joined officials of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) on a visit to Bryansk, Russia, to assist in DTRA's initiative supporting the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

Improved canal efficiency: Since the Volpe Center installed an advanced communications, traffic management and navigation system for the Panama Canal, the average time a vessel takes to transit the canal has decreased 15 percent.

Leopold E. Wetula has received the **John A. Volpe Transportation Internship**. Wetula, a law student at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law has been working for the past year in the Office of System and Economic Assessment.

Gerben Bootsma of the Dutch Ministry of Transport and Waterworks is at Volpe under an exchange program with the Dutch Ministry's Transport Research Centre.

RSPA's VOLPE TEAMS WITH U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ON E-SEALS PILOT EVALUATION

The security of inter-modal shipping containers is a major concern in the war on terror. RSPA's Volpe Center has been engaged with the U.S. Customs Service to evaluate a U.S. and Canadian electronic seal pilot project. The project involves affixing electronic seals to high risk containers leaving Vancouver, BC for the U.S.

Volpe's **Kenneth F. Troup, Nancy Cooney** and **Charles McCarthy** recommended improvements and expansion of the pilot project.

Transportation Safety Institute

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM TSI'S AVIATION SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING

The first government International Aviation Safety Inspector Operations course was conducted at the Transportation Safety Institute's (TSI) North Campus from November 5-22, 2002. Aviation safety operations inspectors work closely with the aviation industry to ensure safety for the flying public. Rapidly evolving technology and exponential growth in the aviation industry make this job especially challenging.

Participants who attended the training are Aviation Safety Operations Inspectors from Panama, Bahamas, Korea and Pakistan. The successful graduation of these international students was a coordinated effort of the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) TRAINAIR unit and the Special Programs Division of the TSI.

Instructors for the 12-day training course were **Jim Dole**, Associate Staff Instructor from the FAA Miami International Field Office, and **Cliff Elbl**, Contract Instructor for the Transportation Safety Institute.



Pictured (back row, from left) Cliff Elbl, Course Instructor; Shahid Hussain (Pakistan); Hoon Lee (Korea); (front row, from left) Jamil Malik (Pakistan); Jehu Edwards (Bahamas); Jim Dole, Course Instructor; Randy Butler (Bahamas), and Manuel Rodriguez (Panama).

SECRETARY MINETA DELIVERS KEYNOTE AT TSI/FAA SUMMIT

Secretary Mineta was the keynote speaker for the first International Summit on Aviation Safety and Security in Washington, DC. The Department's Federal Aviation Administration jointly sponsored the Summit with a consortium of Washington, DC based universities, and RSPA/TSI provided program management leadership and administrative support and technical skills for the Summit.

The program emphasized the benefits of regional coordination and assisted executive level participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam in making commitments to sustain aviation safety and security oversight authority in their respective countries.

Twenty countries from South East Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East participated in the four summits conducted during 2002. TSI will support eight additional summits in 2003.



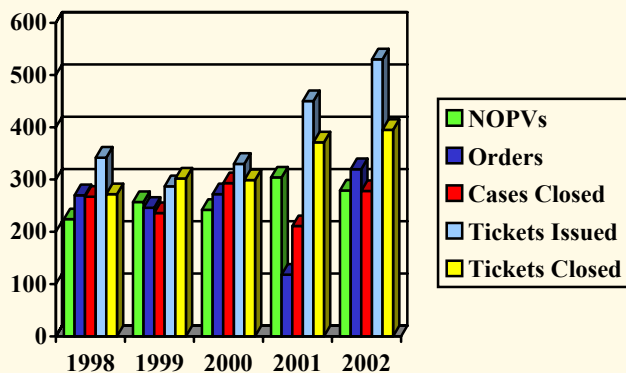
Secretary Mineta delivered the keynote speech at the International Summit on Aviation Safety and Security.

Civil Rights / Chief Counsel

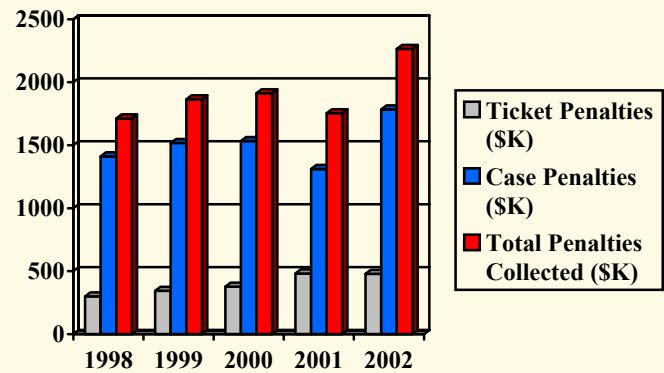
HAZMAT ENFORCEMENT ON THE RISE

September through December were productive months for hazardous materials enforcement. Fifty-four notices of probable violation cases were initiated with total proposed penalties of \$442,000, along with 83 orders issued imposing total penalties of \$575,000. Additionally, 63 cases were closed with collections of \$469,500 in civil penalties.

HAZMAT CIVIL PENALTY CASES OF LAST 5 YEARS



HAZMAT CIVIL PENALTIES OF LAST 5 YEARS



PRESIDENT BUSH HONORS RSPA ATTORNEY

On December 5, more than 100 people braved the still-falling snow to honor **Edward H. Bonekemper III**, RSPA's Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials and Research & Technology Law, who retired in January after more than 34 years of distinguished public service.

Ed's friends and colleagues applauded as he was presented with a personal letter from President George W. Bush congratulating him on his 34 years of public service.

"Our nation is deeply indebted to the men and women who devote their lives to public service. I know how proud your family, friends and colleagues must be of your accomplishments," said President Bush in his letter.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

For Native American History Month, RSPA's Office of Civil Rights shared an interesting Native American history story about the Cherokee ancestor of a RSPA attorney, **Donna O'Berry**. The story drew attention to an historic event in American history.

Donna's great, great, great, great grandmother was a member of the Cherokee Nation and traveled the "Trail of Tears" from Georgia to Oklahoma in 1838. Her descendants have since passed down the stories of this event and the history of their Native American culture.

The Cherokee Nation had long called western Georgia home. In 1830 Congress passed the "Indian Removal Act," which led to the relocation of the Cherokee Nation to Oklahoma. Approximately 4,000 Cherokee died as a result of the forced march of 1,000 miles. The route they traversed and the journey itself became known as "The Trail of Tears" or, as a direct translation of Cherokee, "The Trail Where They Cried" ("Nunna dual Tsuny").

Management and Administration

RSPA COMPLETES PHASE ONE OF CMC COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

On December 2, the DOT Crisis Management Center (CMC) completed Phase I of the improved communication facility build-out. In only seven days the CMC team, managing over 60 contractor personnel, completed voice/data wiring with connectivity, along with equipment

delivery and installation. The DMA crew configured and installed the core IT network and 32 computer workstations. The audiovisual systems contractor met its key contractual deadline with a successful demonstration of the basic system capability.

"RSPA's DMA staff and their contractor personnel all came together to make it happen," said **Lola Ward**, RSPA's Director of Contracts and Procurement.

DOT Chief of Staff **John Flaherty** congratulated the DMA team on a job well done.



The CMC communications enhancement crew, led by Marie Savoy.

DPP Gets A Face-Lift

On December 6, the RSPA Office of Policy and Program Support moved into their newly renovated office space on the 8th floor. This area is now configured into an open landscape area and consolidates the budget/accounting and policy programs staff. The space is designed according to the new GSA standards for government agencies.

Marie Savoy of DMA led RSPA efforts in this project.



DPP employees Tyrone Lumpkins, Howard Globerman, Sabrina Fludd and Paul Stieger enjoy their new and improved surroundings.

RSPA Addresses Information Technology Concerns

RSPA has addressed four areas of information technology (IT) concerns identified by the House Subcommittee on Government Efficiency. The four areas are system-level reviews and risk assessments, training for information technology staff, network connectivity with field offices and customers, and background checks of IT contractors.

Earlier this year, RSPA had an external technical assessment to identify critical and non-critical system vulnerabilities. An IT investments action plan was established and IT hardware and software upgrades were installed. RSPA also trained and certified its Information System Security Officer (ISSO). RSPA is the DOT pilot agency for a new vulnerability-scanning tool.

IT training was identified as a critical element of the IT action plan. In July, RSPA fielded an on-line training program to validate and increase IT core competencies for all RSPA staff. Over 160 RSPA headquarters staff received IT security training.

RSPA's IT security will continue to be the top priority for IT investment during the coming year and will provide an important underpinning for all other IT investments.

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**Where Preparation Equals Performance,
And Performance Equals RSPA RESULTS!**

RSPA SUPPORTS CFC CAMPAIGN

On September 30, RSPA kicked-off the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The 2002 slogan is "One DOT, One Vision, One Heart." **Stacey Gerard**, RSPA CFC Vice-Chairman, hosted **Henry Montes**, DOT CFC Loaned Executive from Health and Human Services, and **Dr. Verna S. Cook**, National President, Black Women In Sisterhood for Action.

RSPA's CFC goal is to raise \$47,116 of the DOT's \$1,900,000. As of December 13, RSPA reached 91 percent of its goal.

"**Bernie**" **Williams** is RSPA's CFC Campaign Manager and is assisted by the following RSPA keyworkers: **James Reynolds, Sam Hall, Ahren Tryon, Daeleen Chesley, Linda King, Sabrina Fludd, Barbara Capers, Terri Quigley, Bob O'Neil, Mike Stevens, Fred Ferate, Diane Jones, Kenneth Herzog and Gail Hines.** The campaign has been extended to January 24.



(L to R) Henry Montes, DOT CFC Loaned Executive; Stacey Gerard, RSPA CFC Vice-Chair; and Dr. Verna Cook, National President, Black Women-In Sisterhood for Action, meet prior to the RSPA CFC Kickoff Celebration.

TEAM RSPA WELCOMES:

Francheska Acevedo, Volpe
Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator
Duane M. Cassidy, DHM
Philip N. Chin, Volpe
Corinne T. Connolly, Volpe
Kalani Hawks, Volpe
Vincent A. Orlando, III, Volpe
Heap Sin, Volpe
David E. Sturrus, Volpe
Lionel C. Vigue, Volpe

HOLIDAY RECEPTION FOR RSPA FAMILY AND GUESTS



Deputy Administrator Bonasso, Deputy Secretary Michael Jackson, Administrator Engleman, Military Assistant to the Secretary CDR Roger Bohnert and Ariel Ashwell.



Chief of Staff John Flaherty, Administrator Engleman, Deputy Chief of Staff Martin Whitmer, James Taylor, Deborah Frazier and Damon Hill.



Jim Mitchell, Helen Hagin, Dell Billings, Dave Sargent, Cheryl Freeman, Administrator Engleman and Reggie Dunn.